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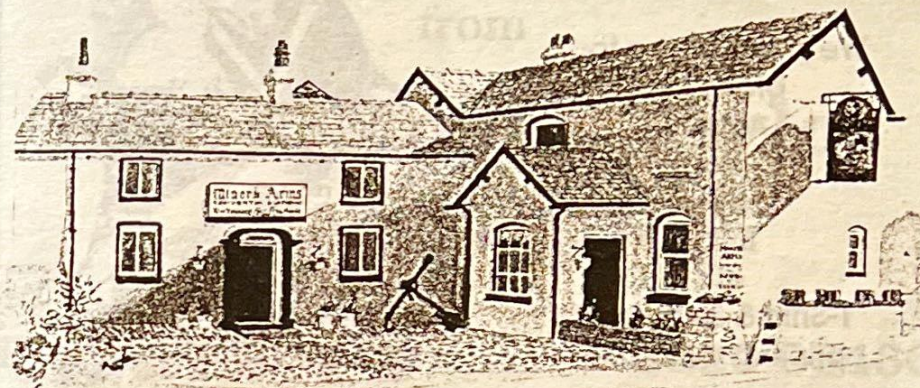
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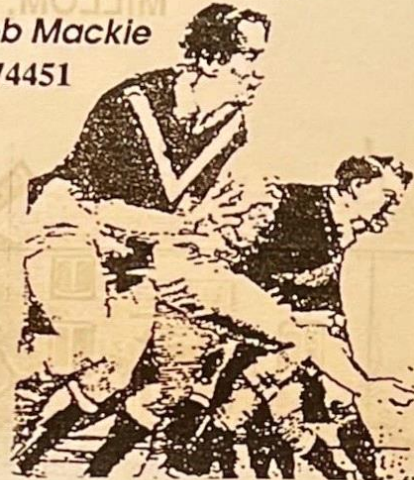
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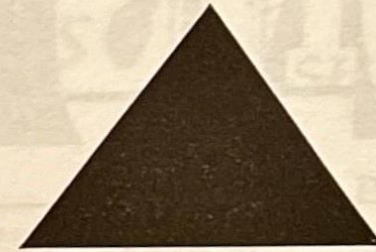
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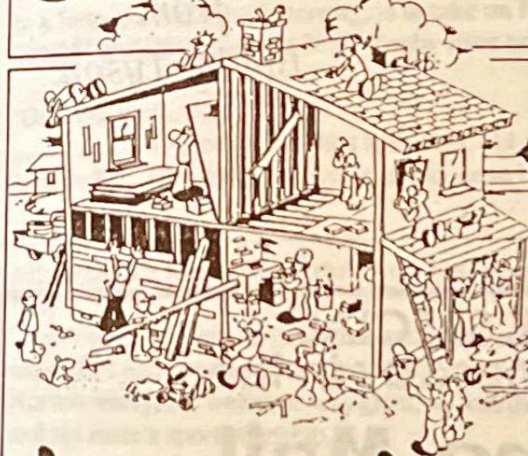


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Millom Rugby League Match Report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Today we start our 5th season in the National league, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish coach Graham Lupton and all the players best of luck for the season. After four seasons in the top league, I think the apprenticeship has been served and with last seasons injury list cleared up, and providing we stay clear of any long term injuries, we can go on and challenge for the top spot with more confidence than in the past. Once again our first match of the season was scheduled to be played away, - the 4th season in succession! After repeated inquiries to the National league fixture secretary as to why this anomalous state comes about, we still have not received a satisfactory answer. Maybe next season!!!

Peter Jordan • Chairman M.R.L.F.C.

"Millom were fitter than us, and a credit to the Town. Kelly and Robinson had big games; and everything came off Dumpy. You're crowd were really behind you. I think they're worth 10 points to you. A bad night for us, but we'll try and get our own back at the end of the season in the "Steve Mossop testimonial game". I enjoyed the Millom hospitality, and crack in the bar afterwards. I'd like to wish the lads all the best for the season".

"Gazza" - Barrow R.L. Captain.

Next game

Next week sees the 1st team away to Dudley Hill, but Askam hosts to the Shaw Cross. So if you are a real R.L. supporter, you don't have far to go to see a top class national league match.

In a fortnight we're back here again to take on Pilkington Recs. The 'A' and 'B' teams and Mini-Rugby have no fixture lists as yet.

H.S.

'Our Thanks'.....

.....Go to this Seasons Sponsors, old and new, for their magnificent support. Millom R.L. Club hope that you support these businesses when you can.

H.S.

All my friends had told me to be on my best behaviour when I went up to Millom for the first time.

"Don't whatever you do get drunk and upset anyone, because they are very hard men" I was warned (I had been known to get boisterous after a few drinks, in the past).

Not too worry, the welcome was great, so was the standard of football, and so were 'Dumpy' and his mate's sportsmanship.

Anyway, when I walked into the clubhouse, thirsty, I took a look at all the good looking lads there, and placed my order - "A pint of orange juice, Please!!!"

Thanks for a great night at Millom R.L.

Jeff Connor - Sports Ed. - Evening Mail.

Club News

34-20 defeat at the hands of Oldham St. Annes put paid to our Champions of Champions Challenge at Leigh earlier this month but valuable experience was gained with young players stepping in when 6 players were unavailable due to work and holiday commitments. Continuing on the playing scene, all new and old players are most welcome at the club, and a few to return are Chris Lowe, Lee Fassen, Andy Dixon and John Gibson, the latter just returning after a 12 month spell in Australia where he had spells with Gleneg and Brisbane Easts. An entertaining game between Millom and the full Barrow professional team saw a home victory by 36 points to 16, leaving arrow coach Steve Norton with a few headaches for the start of the season. Our 'A' and 'B' teams have been combining to send teams up to Haverigg Prison to play friendly games against the inmates, and these have proved most useful and we are grateful to the Governor and Wardens for allowing these games to take place. With Biff Mossop and Tally Thompson running the UM team this season we are hoping to arrange friendly games for these lads as soon as possible.

Tony Johnson.

Millom RL Crack

Spectators who support the local cricket clubs and ourselves will be delighted at the cricketers performances this summer. The town's so-called "remoteness" seems to be a factor in the prominence of amateur sport in the area, if not in very little else. I'm not alone "among" our supporters who think the present National League side is capable of bettering last season's league standing and be among the cups again. Being top dogs in the Barrow Leagues is always a good omen for the club and I would like to see those teams among the honours.

It is good to see Andy Dixon back in the fold after being absent with out leave. When ex-coach Mel Mason moved Andy from wing to full-back, it was the best switch Mel made during his spell with Millom. Chris Lowe (another absentee) makes a welcome return - his powerful running should be an asset. The third returner is Lee Farren who has a lot to offer in the forwards.

Two players who I believe are resuming training (namely Andrew Miller and Tim Holmes) who were injured and needed hospital treatment could well be donning the Maroon shirt again. Both were part of that splendid cup winning U19 side of 1984 which entertained our supporters so well.

To have to find £3,900 to pay the poll-tax due from the club must be a real problem for the committee. Running any sort of amateur sport with financial demands of that size surely requires the dedicated workers that serve communities such as ours.

Here is the team that last won the Cumbria Cup, (with a narrow 3-0 victory at Whitehaven in December 1979 over Wath Brow) when it was combined with Lancashire clubs. Knowles, I James, Morris, Bawden, M. James: C. Mossop, Date (Capt): Fallows, Clarkson, J. Jackson, J. Lupton, Swales and Steve Mossop.

Like todays visitors, Leigh Miners, games with the "Brow" seemed that bit special, and todays fixtures should be no exception.

Chris Bar.



Dumpy receives the Cup from Reggie and Gordon
photo. Howard Shimmie

Man of the Match

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"PRIDE"

What a day for this club at Dissington 7's last Monday. 12 times competed for the inaugural "Kenny Gallagher" Cup.

Dissington lad Kenny (43) was tragically killed in a road accident last November.

Millom (oldest Rugby club in the world) beat Seaton (2nd oldest) 18-14 in the first game.

Mighty Kells were no problem in the semi as we won 30-4.

Then "The Final"

Pre-competition favourites Hensingham had already knocked out Wath Brow and "Elbra", looked good.

John Gibson forced his way over, but half time came with the lads 4-20 down. - only 10 mins left, and a mountain to climb. Then Pride came into the game! - Millom Pride - never give in.

10-20, 20-24, then Butch at last found he's legs and went 75 yards to make it 30-24. Somehow we'd got in front, and not long left. But a disputed try was improved 30-30!

Second later, last tackle, and Craig puts over a 35 yard D.G. - could we hang on? Animal gets away, crosses for his 5th try, Glyn bangs it over, and the whistle goes. 4-20 down, and we've won 37-30.

It seemed impossible, but Millom have the "Kenny Gallagher" Cup.

Exciting, brilliant Rugby - the best 7's final I've ever seen.

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S.L.R.

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Final Score

Coach. Graham Lupton

Physio. Tony Johnston

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Andy Dixon

Graham Evans

Terry Moore

Peter Dawson

Ian Fisher

Craig Evans

Mike Cairns

Graham Lupton

Shaun Cummings

Ian Swarbrick

John Gibson

Gary Kelly

Mike O'Brien

Neil Thompson

Geoff Marr

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Leigh M.W.

Coach. John Cooke

Billy Wilkinson

Peter Marsh

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Mike Warburton

Winston Sarsfield

Steve Ashcroft

John Simkin

Steve Smith

Peter Marsh

Martin Lee

Mike Williamson

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Wayne Lee

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OUR VISITORS

Leigh Miners travel to Millom for our opening League fixture, and they bring a host of excellent players, with Great Britain stand off Peter Marsh in top form after his South Pacific BARLA Tour, with Mike Williamson returning to the 'Miners' having settled their differences - Winston Sarsfield, versatile at centre stand off, - hooker Cassim Osman, - loose forward Nigel Casey and fellow packman Tony Dowling they will prove to be formidable opponents especially after last weeks 24-18 victory over league newcomers Saddleworth. All credit to the new coaching regime of John Cooke, Billy Wilkinson and Peter Marsh. The Miners are to be congratulated on their youth teams, with their U17's collecting two trophies from three finals, and their U19 team collecting both the National and Lancashire Cups.

Tony Johnson.



'Snorky' blows his way to a hat trick
photo. Howard Shimmin

PRO-VIEW

Welcome to the new season. This year's match programme sees a few changes. A new cover, more pages, a few different views, and some photos all add to the new look. I Hope you like it, and will continue to support the club by buying one. (or 2 or 3). It's still priced at 30p, and offers great value for money. If you're any interesting tit-bits, views, or questions you might like aired in the programme, please see me, and we'll try our best to help. This season we're offering Match Ball and M-o-Match sponsorship for the home games. You could get the "Special Treatment" for a day - relax with a drink in the club lounge before the game, and have a bite to eat, a pint, and a crack with the players after. If you're interested, give me a shout. You may have heard of a Channel 4 T.V. Rep. Recruiting actors for a programme to be filmed locally. When he visited the Legion, there wasn't much interest until he explained there would be cash in the hand and free food and drink. Also, the scene would involve sitting around a bar, chatting and drinking. Up to press, 2 R.L. committeemen, 1 player, 1 players wife, and a regular supporter (ex-player) on the Devonshire Road side have signed up!!!! No names - No pack drill.

Howard Shimmin.

GIRLS TALK

First of all, we would like to welcome supporters, old and new, to the forthcoming season of Rugby League. Congratulations to Geraldine and Philip Gooding on the birth of their second son Reece - also to Michelle and Lawrence Lupton on the birth of their son. Still on the subject of births, David Clarke heard the Mini-Rugby may be short, and thought he'd add his own special addition - Good Luck to you both. Anybody wishing to make, or help serve, hotpot for the Lads after a game would be very welcome, and very appreciated. Hopefully, this season there will be many new social events. Old and new members will be very much appreciated to help and support us. Belated congratulations to Muriel and Pim Lupton on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Last, but not least, the committee men have done a wonderful job on Tich Graham and Mike Jackson's "Punch and Judy" hut. - The first show will take place in the Half-Time interval. That's-the-way-to-do-it.

Gail.

IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK

Once again the season is upon us, and it just seems like yesterday we finished. I considered it quite a reasonable season last year with winning the Cumbria Cup for the first time, and a creditable 5th in the league. I'm sure we could have done better had it not been for injuries towards the end of the season. Pre-season training has gone very well - the lad's have all worked hard. I'm sure all the supporters enjoyed a good, entertaining win over Barrow R.L. 36-16. If the players can perform like that all season, I'm sure we can do well once again. However no team is complete without its loyal spectators and I take this opportunity to thank you for your support last year, and look forward to seeing you all again. Congratulations also to Roy Robinson on his Player-of-the-Year and Peter and Gary on a successful Pacific Tour. Thankyou.

"Dumpy"

Lupton's Firebreathers too hot for Norton's Men



Opinion

MILLOM gave Barrow an unpleasant lesson in typical Cumbria spirit when they thrashed the men from Craven Park.

Barrow performed quite appallingly for a professional outfit, but that should in no way take anything away from the superb display by Graham Lupton's young lions.

I was particularly impressed by Ian Swarbrick who looked to me as good a player as any on the field. He must have come close to topping the Millom tackle count, and was always there clearing the line, and running the ball in like all good props do.

In the backs, Roy Robinson was a constant threat and Lupton will be hoping his centre will keep him supplied with plenty of possession in the coming season, though I have a feeling Barrow may make Robinson an offer he can't refuse before the year's out.

Shaun Cummings also impressed with me his high workrate, and five or six heels against the put-in, which is rarely seen with the modern style of putting the ball into the second row.

Sat in the Millom dugout, it was a great experience to see the Cumbrian's, trotting off full of pride for their demolition of the professionals.

Millom are set for an outstanding season in the National League. The only cloud on the horizon is the question: "How long can they hang on to their best players with the top pros offering huge sums to top amateurs:

Mike Gardner - Evening Mail Sport.

"We were expecting a hard game, but when it dropped off".

Millom beat us in every department. We showed no commitment, no pride, and very little skill. Dumpy was the forward general, but he couldn't have expected as much leeway as we give him.

An you're lads played well, and I was impressed with Robinson, Dawson, and Kelly.

The reception I got from the Millom Club was fantastic - I've been up 3 times now, and really enjoyed the family atmosphere.

I hope everything goes well for the Season lads.

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A delighted Lupton said later: 'I'll be more than happy if we can play like this all season although there were one or two mistakes. I'd like to pick up on. That's my job, after all.

Steve Norton has obviously got problems and I think he could badly do with some experience. They ran hard and straight down the middle tonight but our pack had no real problems with them. We had some moves worked out and I was pleased to see them come off although I had one special move which I didn't try.



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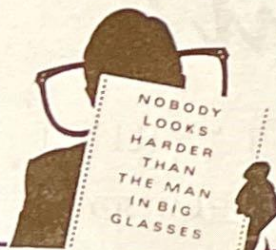

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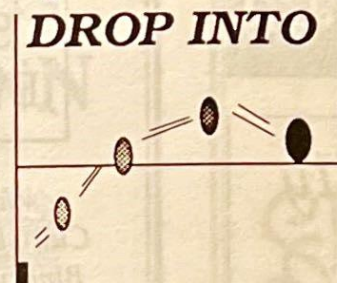
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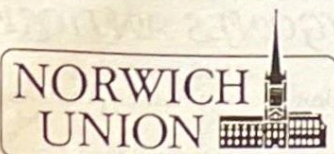
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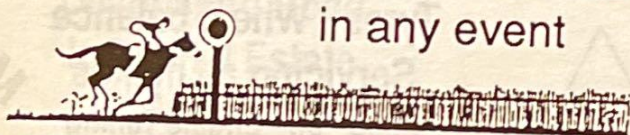
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